

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for providing a plurality of digital cameras and storing digital images captured by the plurality of digital cameras on behalf of users, the method comprising the steps of:

enabling a plurality of users to each select a particular digital camera from a plurality of differently configured digital cameras.

enabling the plurality of users to each select a service plan having a designated periodic fee, the plan being associated with the user's digital camera and relating to storage of digital images to be subsequently captured by the user's digital camera;

storing, in a computer database, information identifying each of the plurality of digital cameras and its associated service plan;

storing digital images captured using the plurality of digital cameras in accordance with the service plan associated with the digital camera which captured each digital image, wherein the digital images captured by each of the plurality of digital cameras are stored on the same image storage system, the image storage system being accessible over a network; and

billing each of the plurality of users on a periodic basis in accordance with the designated periodic fee for their selected service plan.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital images are uploaded by said plurality of users to said database over a communication network.

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein said communication network comprises the internet.

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein said periodic basis comprises monthly.

5. The method according to claim 1 wherein said periodic basis comprises yearly.